

tance, for even if we ultimately adopt broader genera than we do today, we must know more of the interrelations of the groups of species which are included within them, and which for taxonomic purposes must be distinguished by group names of some kind, even though not recognized nomenclaturally.—W. S.

Chapin on New Birds from the Belgian Congo.¹—Mr. Chapin who accompanied Mr. Herbert Lang on an expedition to the Belgian Congo in the interests of the American Museum of Natural History is now engaged in working up the ornithological collections which they secured during their six years' sojourn (1909 to 1915). These comprise some 6200 skins representing about 600 species, and the present paper is the first publication based upon this material. Mr. Chapin's new species are *Chatura melanopygia* (p. 509), *Apaloderma minus* (p. 510) and *Cerioleptes* (gen. nov.) *xenurus* (p. 512) all from Avakubi, Ituri District, Belgian Congo. Further publications upon this rich collection will be awaited with interest.—W. S.

Riley on New Birds from China and Japan.²—From material received by the U. S. National Museum from China and Japan, Mr. Riley has described three new forms as follows: *Tetrastes bonasia vicinitas* (p. 16), and *Dryocopus martius silvifragus* (p. 162) from Hakodate, Japan, and *Eophona melanura sowerbyi* (p. 163) from Chang Kow Hsien, Hupeh China.—W. S.

Recent Ornithological Papers by Dabbene.³—In the 'Anales of the Buenos Aires Mus., XXVII,' Mr. Dabbene proposes (p. 76) a new genus *Neophlaotomus* for the woodpecker, known as *Phlaotomus schulzi* Cab. and also describes an allied new species *N. shiptoni* (p. 79) from the province of Cordoba, with a colored plate of the male and female.

In two other short papers he reports *Manacus m. gutturosus*, *Harporhynchus cayennensis*, *Dendrocygna discolor* and *Sporophila pileata* from Argentina, all of them being new to the fauna.—W. S.

¹ Descriptions of Three New Birds from the Belgian Congo. By James P. Chapin. Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., XXXIV, Art. XVI, pp. 509-513. New York, October 20, 1915.

² Descriptions of Three New Birds from China and Japan. By J. H. Riley. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, XXVIII, pp. 161-164, September 21, 1915.

³ Description d'un Nouveau Genre et d'une Nouvelle Espèce de Pic Provenant du Nord-Ouest de la République Argentine. por Roberto Dabbene. An. Mus. Nac. Hist. Nat. Buenos Aires, XXVII, pp. 74-81, July 8, 1915.

Una ave nueva para la Argentina. por Roberto Dabbene. Bol. Soc. Physis. I, No. 7, pp. 435-436, Dec. 1914.

Otras especies de aves nuevas. por Roberto Dabbene. do. pp. 532-533, June 10, 1915.